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IN the Government of ſo large and potent a Kingdom as this, there is, no doubt, a prodigious Multiplicity of publick Affairs, which demand the Attention of the Legiſlature, and cannot, upon any Account, be neglected: But there are many others, which relate to the Nation as a large and numerous Family, that, by long Sufferance, Habit, and Cuſtom, are intirely over-look'd; whereby innumerable Inconveniences have taken Place, and are now grown almoſt too inveterate to be cur'd.——

This Remark is owing to the incredible Multitude of Beggars, that ſwarms thro' every Street of this great City, and are, indeed, an epidemick Plague all over the Kingdom: We ſee them of both Sexes, of all Degrees, from Infancy to old Age; afflicted with all Maladies, either of Sickneſs, Pain, Lameneſs, Wounds, Loſs of Sight, &c. They dun you at every Corner, in every populous Place, when you take Coach or Water, when you ſtop at a Shop to buy, as you go or return from Church: In ſhort, where-ever you are, however you are employ'd, you are ſtill liable to their Importunity, and if you pay for your Quiet to all who would levy the Fine, you would ſoon ſtand in need of the ſame Charity yourſelf.

A Man of Good-Nature and Compaſſion is ſhock'd at the deplorable Tales that are hourly told him of uncommon Want and Miſery, and, if he can't relieve them, he has at once all the Regret of his Inability on their Account, and more ſenſibly feels and laments his own Misfortunes. ——This is, in Effect, a conſiderable Addition to them; and he muſt either take Pains to get rid of his Humanity, to harden himſelf againſt all Feeling of another's Woes, or ſit down with this daily Increaſe of Wretchedneſs.

All Perſons have an equal Demand on Nature, for the Neceſſaries of Life; and, in whatever Society they are born, they may challenge that Proviſion, unleſs they forfeit it by their own Indolence and Uſeleſsneſs.——'Tis, therefore, a peculiar Aggravation of theſe People's Diſtreſs, that they ſuffer in a Land of Plenty, and pine for the Want of that, which the Luxury of others laviſhes away.——

Theſe Wretches are of two Claſſicks: One conſiſts of thoſe who really are diſabled, either by Sickneſs, ſome bodily Defect, or unavoidable Adverſity, to ſupport themſelves by any Buſineſs or Employment; and therefore are compell'd to throw themſelves on the Mercy of their Fellow-Creatures, and truſt to Providence intirely for their Preſervation.——Of theſe, ſome are ſo truly Objects of Commiſeration, that the generous Heart almoſt bleeds, that Humanity ſhould be liable to ſuch ſevere Affliction. ——One of theſe poor Creatures I lately ſaw myſelf, ſo depreſs'd by his Calamities, as not to look upwards, or hope for Comfort, nay unwilling to receive it; as if ſo painful a Being was not worth preſerving, and Death the only Relief that was truly to be wiſh'd for.——As *Shakeſpear* has it, ſharp Miſery had worn him to the Bone; his Eyes had loſt all their Spirit, his Hair and Beard wild and neglected, and every Muſcle of his Face expreſſive of Famine and Deſpair.——

The ſecond Claſs is compos'd of ſuch, who turn Beggars thro' Idleneſs and Luxury, and rather choſe to fatten as Vagrants, than ſweat away their Lives in honeſt Labour and Induſtry.——Theſe are Counterfeits of the others, and, if they have not the ſame Pretences to Charity, know how to diſſemble them ſo well, that the moſt penetrating Eye is often deceiv'd.——'Tis impoſſible to enumerate the Arts they have to effect this, and move Compaſſion: Some hire Children, ſome make artificial Sores, others tie up a Leg, and all, in general, underſtand the Dreſs and Guiſe of Wretchedneſs ſo well, that no Painter could help them to a Circumſtance which could heighten the Image.

Now both theſe Claſſes are, I think, alike, worthy the Notice of the Legiſlature; and as they are both equally a publick Nuiſance, the Society has a Sort of Demand on their Governors, to have it remov'd out of the Way. ——Neither is it at all impracticable, as Experience and Common Senſe will eaſily demonſtrate ——The laſt ſhould be kept by Authority to hard Labour, and the firſt ſupported as the Orphans of the Publick; who had a Right to live, tho' Nature or Fortune had deny'd them the Means.

Let this be the Charity of the People as a Body, and, when this is done, the trueſt Objects of Pity will be left unprovided for ſtill.——I mean thoſe who are reduc'd from Affluence and Independency to Want, and every Kind of Miſery: Whoſe natural Pride or Modeſty will not ſuffer them to complain.——Who pine in ſecret, without a Chance for Relief, without a Friend to ſerve them, or the moſt diſtant Proſpect of better Days.—— Who, perhaps, are forced to appear gay and ſmiling, in the Midſt of Agony, and ſit mournful Witneſſes of the Profuſion of others in Trifles, which would be Support and Happineſs to them.——

Theſe are certainly the moſt wretched of Mankind, and have the ſtrongeſt Claim for Compaſſion and Aſſiſtance: Whoever abounds in Fortune ſhould look upon theſe as Perſons who had a natural Right to all he could ſpare, and ſhould beſide make it his higheſt Glory to make them eaſy. ——Such Offices are the higheſt Privilege of great Poſſeſſions, and afford the only Pleaſure peculiar to thoſe in that Station.—— All the Enjoyments of the Senſes are taſted exquiſitely, at one Time or other, by People of the loweſt Rank: But this of Beneficence can be only in their Wiſhes, and no Man can be ſure he really poſſeſſes that Virtue, till he has an Opportunity to put it in Practice.

I will add but one Thing more, and conclude: There are, in the Number of theſe, Perſons of ſuch great Merit, ſuch fine Qualities, and reduc'd to this melancholy Circumſtance, by ſuch a Series of ſtrange Accidents, that one would think they were left by Providence on Purpoſe, for Objects, on which the Rich and Great ſhould exerciſe their Humanity and Virtue.

To the Author of the WEEKLY REGISTER

SIR,

THERE is a Particularity in the Behaviour of every Lover, that renders him obnoxious to the Ridicule of the reſt of Mankind. It has no Name, and proceeds more from the Turn that Paſſion naturally gives, than from any *Contraſte* of Temper. I have known one of this Claſs, from the deepeſt Melancholy that ſeemingly could poſſeſs the Mind, riſe into as remarkable a Gaiety; and, on the contrary, one that was hardly ever known to have a grave Thought, on the Sight of his Miſtreſs, or of any Occurrence that has awaken'd her Idea in him, become the moſt contemplative Mortal living. Aſk the eloquent *Calliſthenes*, who in the Senate, and at the Bar, has charm'd the Wiſdom of Age into attentive Silence, why at the Sight of *Lavinia* he is ſtruck dumb? He can give as little Account for it, as *Cimon* for the ſtrange *Metamorphoſis* he has undergone. *Cimon* was the dulleſt Clown that ever breath'd, and to a natural Antipathy to whatever was polite, had added a cuſtomary Diſlike; he happened laſt Winter to ſee *Iphigenia* at the Play, and now has the moſt delicate Goût for all Politeneſs, frequents the beſt of Company, and is never known to offer at an indecent Expreſſion. He has changed his Hunting Nags (as he called them) into Stone Horſes, and ſits in a Chariot with all the Grace imaginable; his Hounds give Place to an elegant Library, where (inſtead of throwing away his Morning on his Dogs as he once us'd) he is perpetually improving his Underſtanding.

I was laſt Night at a Club (which I always meet on Nights, and may hereafter give ſome Account of,) when in comes *Florio*. *Florio* is at preſent the moſt conſiderable Lover of the Age, and has for ſome time wore *Lucinda*'s Chains. After the uſual Compliments, having taken his Seat, I accidentally aſk'd how *his Lucinda* did? To which he anſwered, She was well: But was obſerved, for a long Time after, to remain ſilent, and, in a manner, abſtracted from the Company. As I could judge, by the Change of his Countenance, wherein Joy eminently diſcovered itſelf, how his Thoughts were employ'd, I was unwilling to interrupt the dear Meditation; ſo addreſs'd myſelf to the reſt of the Company; and after two Hours agreeable Chat, having emptied my Pipe, and carefully (as my Cuſtom is) peruſed the Bill, I laid down my Club; which *Florio* (who till then ſeemed buried in Thought) took up, and with a Smile returning it, told me very obligingly, I had given him too much Pleaſure to remain ungrateful; and therefore begg'd, wherein he could, I would ſuffer him to ſhew his Gratitude. As I knew his Temper well, I was unwilling to ſhock it, ſo put my Money in my Pocket, and took my Leave; ruminating on the Strangeneſs of this Adventure, the unaccountable Power of Love, and different Effects it has on the different Tempers of Mankind.

How unlike ſuch a Behaviour is that of the Gay *Will Vainlove*, who being in Company with ſome Ladies, was aſk'd, with a malicious Smile, after one for whom they all knew *Will* has a particular Veneration. Upon which he immediately engroſs'd the whole Talk of the Company to himſelf, and for an Hour, without Ceaſing, entertained them with a Deſcription of her Perſon, ſometimes praiſing the Eaſineſs of her Shape, then the Gentility of her Motions; and, after having talk'd himſelf out of Breath, without ſuffering any one to anſwer, came running up to me, (who was ſitting at the Corner of the Room, engag'd in Converſation with a Lady, who is as famous for the Beauty of her Mind, as remarkable for a Defect in the Compoſition of her Body) and, without thinking on what he was doing, fixes his Eyes ſtedfaſtly on her, and recoiling two or three Paces, cries out, Is ſhe not heavenly fair? That Shape! That Air! That Mein! That all-commanding Grace! And was running on with the ſame Common-Place Stuff, till ſeeing all the Company riſe, and fancying he had committed ſome Fault, tho' he knew not what, whiſk'd out of the Room in a very abrupt Manner, and till this Minute remains ignorant of what he ſaid. The Lady, who is a Woman of a very good Underſtanding, inſtead of being offended at his Inconſiderateneſs laughs at it, and does all ſhe can to baniſh out of *Will*'s Mind, the Fear he lies under of having affronted her.

Upon the Verity of theſe two Facts I build the following Maxims.

Firſt, That no Lover ſhall become accountable for any Folly he ſhall commit on Sight of his Miſtreſs, or Mention of her Name.

Secondly, That it ſhall be eſteem'd more diſhonourable in a Lover to remain ſenſible in any of the above mention'd Accounts, than in an Officer to quit his Poſt at the Sound of the Trumpet. And

Thirdly, That no Lover ſhall be eſteemed as ſuch, till he has committed ſome Folly or other, which can no otherwiſe be accounted for than as the Effect of Love.

I ſhall conclude this Subject with a Letter and Copy of Verſes I received from a young Gentleman who labours under a Diſappointment of a contrary Nature; which I congratulate him upon, ſince it has given him an Opportunity of ſhewing himſelf in a more advantageous Light. The Letter and Verſes are as follow:

SIR,

NOT doubting but that you would turn your Thoughts ſometimes on the Conſideration of Love, I take the Liberty to ſend you the Underwritten, which may ſerve to ſhew the Extravagance of every Lover that lets his Paſſion go beyond Reaſon, which ought always to accompany it.

I am, &c.

AMINTOT.

Upon a Diſappointment.

HOW wild are Lovers, when the Charmers miſs
Th' appointed Hour, or baulk the promis'd Bliſs!
Thoughts dark as Hell croud thro' their frantick Brain,
Diſtracted with Viciſſitudes of Pain.

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A while their Rage purſues the perjur'd Fair
Thro' all the Windings of a full Deſpair;
Claſp'd in ſome happier Arms, now think, ſhe lies,
And gives and takes ten thouſand thouſand Joys.
And now Imagination ſwells ſo high,
And looks with ſuch a penetrating Eye, [die.
They *think* they hear her ſigh, and *ſwear* they ſee her
If to thy Bliſs, *O Love!* ſuch Ills are join'd,
Break, break my Chain, and free my captive Mind.
Yet ſtay —— thy Pleaſures are ſo wondrous great,
Bind, bind my Chain, and leave me to my Fate.

A DREAM.

I Dream'd that bury'd in my Fellow Clay
Cloſe by a common Beggar's Side I lay;
And as ſo mean a Neighbour ſhock'd my Pride,
Thus like a Corpſe of Quality I cry'd:
Scoundrel! be gone, hence-forward touch me not,
More Manners learn, and at a Diſtance rot.
Soundrel! then with an haughty Tone cry'd he,
Proud Lump of Clay, I ſcorn thy Words and thee.
Here all are equal; here our Lodgings join;
This is my reſting Place; and that is thine.

ANONYMUS.

SOMNIUM.

COnditus in Terra agnata mihi Nocte videbar;
Ad Latus & pauper proximus accubui.
Usque mihi Stomachum talis Vicinia movit,
Mendico indignans hæc ego Verba dabam:
Hinc a me, procul hinc, ut vilem te decet, aude
Nec Cineres poſthac tangere, Scurra, meos.
Scurra! fremens ait hic multo cum Murmure, Voces
Pauper ego ſperno has, Umbra ſuperba, tuas.
Hic ſumus ambo pares; noſtrique ubi Corporis Artus
Putreſcant, meus eſt hic Locus, ille tuus.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 31.

ON Tueſday laſt the Right Hon. the Counteſs of *Dyſart* was ſafely delivered of a Son, at his Lordſhip's Houſe in *Groſvenor-Square*.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon, as his Excellency M. *Hop*, the *Dutch* Envoy, ſat at Dinner with his Lady and four Gentlemen, at his Houſe in *Park-ſtreet*, St. *James's*, there happened a violent Clap of Thunder, and the Lightning penetrated into the Room, and paſſing along the Wainſcot, chang'd its Colour in ſeveral Places, but happily did no Damage. The Company diſcern'd the Lightning enter the Room, and were in the utmoſt Confuſion; the Stench of the Sulphur continued a long Time after.

Juſt at the ſame Time the Houſe of Mr. *Bailey*, a Braſier in St. *James's-ſtreet*, was very much damag'd, having ſeveral of the Windows broke, and the Water Spout at the Side of the Houſe was alſo ſplit in ſeveral Places.

They have begun pulling down the Prince of *Wales's* Houſe in the Royal Gardens in *Pall-Mall*, in order to the building of another: His Royal Highneſs hath given ſtrict Orders to the Workmen, that the Inhabitants may be annoy'd as little as poſſible.

Letters from the *North* ſay, that his Majeſty has been ſolemnly invited by the Kings of *Sweden* and *Denmark*, to accede to the Treaty of Friendſhip and Alliance which thoſe two Courts have lately concluded, or to enter into a new one with thoſe Crowns, as his Majeſty ſhall moſt approve. 'Tis added, that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to interpoſe his good Offices with the Court of *Denmark*, for procuring a more conſiderable Equivalent to be given his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Holſtein-Gottorp*, in Lieu of his Dutchy of *Holſtein*, than was offer'd him by the late Treaty of *Copenhagen*.

The Hon. Mr. *Finch*, Brother to the Earl of *Winchelſea* and *Nottingham*, who has reſided at the *Hague* about a Year and a half with the Character of his Majeſty's Miniſter Plenipotentiary to the States-General, being about to return home, has notified his Letters of Recall to their High-Mightineſſes, and has accordingly received their Preſent of a fine Gold Medal and Chain.

Yeſterday Dr. *Benjamin Hoadley*, Lord Biſhop of *Saliſbury*, kiſs'd his Majeſty's Hand at *Kenſington*, alſo the Queen's, Prince of *Wales*, Duke, and Princeſſes, on his being tranſlated to the See of *Winchеſter*, in the room of Dr. *Willis*, deceas'd.

Nine Ships belonging to the City of *Hambourg* have been taken at the Mouth of the *Elbe*, by two *Daniſh* Men of War, and carried into *Norway*, four of them were homeward-bound from *Bourdeaux*, two from *Liſbon*, one from *Greenland*, one outward-bound for *Nantz*, and one for *Malaga*.

Yeſterday the Committee of Directors of the *Eaſt-India* Company, appointed to take up Ships for Service of the enſuing Year, reported the following, which are agreed to: The *Onſlow*, Capt. *Balchen*; the *Beauford*, Capt. *Bolton*; the *London*, Capt. *Bootle*; the *Godolphin*, Capt. *Steward*; the *Scarborough*, Capt. *Weſcott*; the *Queen Caroline*, Capt. *Wilkie*; new Ships: The *Houghton*, Capt. *Worth*; the *Derby*, Capt. *Anſelme*, formerly Capt. *Fitzhugh*, deceas'd; who are on their fourth Voyages: The *Duke of Cumberland*, Capt. *Braund*, who has made two Voyages: The *Richmond*, Capt. *Gough*; the *Prince of Orange*, Capt. *Hudſon*; the *Naſſau*, Capt. *Hutchinſon*; and the *Marlborough*, Capt. *Hunt*, who have made one Voyage each.

Capt. *Clies*, Commander of the *Expedition* Packet-Boat, ſtationed between *Falmouth* and *Liſbon*, ſpoke with two Ships near the Rock of *Liſbon*, who came but a few Days from *Gibraltar*, and by them was informed, that the Peace was concluded with the Emperor of *Morocco*.

MONDAY, *September* 2.

On Saturday laſt about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon a Fire happened in the Houſe of Mr. *French*, a Chandler in *Princes-ſtreet*, *Soho*, which in a very ſhort Space of Time conſumed the ſame, and damaged two others adjoining: The Landlord happily ſaved beſt Part of his Effects; but the Loſs fell extreamly heavy upon Mr. *Richard Longuer*, a Lodger on the ſecond Floor, who had, beſides 209 Guineas, 18 l. in Silver, and above the Value of 200 l. more in Plate, Linnen, Wearing Apparel, *&c.* loſt and deſtroyed in the Flames. He had been above ſixteen Years a Servant to the late Lieutenant General *Harvey*, and hath a Wife, an aged Mother, and two Children to provide for, and who are now entirely ſtripped of every Thing they had in the World (except the Cloaths on their Backs) by this ſad Misfortune. The Fire begun in the Two Pair of Stairs, occaſioned by a Woman lighting her Fire with Shavings, and the Wind being exceſſive high, blew them about the Room, and ſet Fire to ſome other Shavings. We hear that a young Child was conſumed in the Flames.

A Boat in which were a Man and a Woman Paſſengers croſſing the Water on Saturday laſt to *Cotton-Gardens*, *Weſtminſter*, was unfortunately over-ſet by the Wind, and the Paſſengers both drowned; but the Waterman ſwam to Shore, and ſaved his Life with great Difficulty.

The ſame Day another Boat was over-ſet in *Chelſea-Reach*, and four Paſſengers and the Waterman were all loſt.

Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of *Orange* deſigns to embark for *Holland* in the Month of *November*.

The Departure of the Prince of *Orange* from the *Imperial* Army on the *Rhine* is very uncertain, his Highneſs being fully determin'd to wait the Event of a Battle.

Yeſterday being the Birth-Day of his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange*, who then enter'd the 24th Year of his Age, there was a great Concourſe of Perſons of Diſtinction and Foreign Miniſters at *Kenſington*, to compliment her Royal Highneſs on the Occaſion.

The *Lucy* of *Whitehaven*, Capt. *Bowman*, was loſt the 23d ult. on the *North-Bull* near *Dublin*.

Laſt Week the Wife of one *John Sulleback*, in *Caſtle-ſtreet*, *Spittlefields*, was delivered of three Girls; and on Sunday they were brought to the *French* Church in *Threadneedle-ſtreet*, and baptized by the Names of *Rebecca*, *Rachael*, and *Leah*, and a handſome Collection was afterwards made for them.

Letters from *Weymouth* of the 31ſt paſt ſay, that the Day before the *James* and *Magdalen* from *Briſtol*, laden with Groceries for that Place, ran on Shore on *Portland-Beach*; the Maſter and Crew were all ſav'd, but the Veſſel beat to Pieces, and the Cargo was loſt.

On Saturday a Woman was committed to *Newgate*, for the Murder of a Drover at an Ale-houſe near *Hampſtead*; ſome Words having aroſe between them, ſhe ſnatch'd up a Shoe-maker's Knife that happened to be near her, and ſtabb'd him in the upper Part of the Thigh, ſo that he died immediately after.

The ſame Day between Three and Four o'Clock in the Morning, one *Sarah Allbraſs*, Daughter of Mr. *Allbraſs*, formerly a Maſter-Braſier in *Shoe-Lane*, was found murder'd near the *Nagg's-Head* Ale-houſe in the ſaid Lane, being ſtabb'd in ſeveral Parts of the Body: A Man and a Woman were taken up on Suſpicion of being concern'd in the ſame, and examined before Sir *Richard Brocas*, who committed them to *Bridewell* for a further Examination, with Orders to keep them ſeparate.

The ſame Night the Coroner's Jury ſat upon the Body, but adjourn'd their Verdict to another Time.

Deaths. Yeſterday died Mr. *Joſeph Downing*, Printer to the Society for propagating the Goſpel in Foreign Parts, the Reformation of Manners, *&c.* reckon'd worth near 10,000 l.——On Thurſday laſt died *James Hawley*, of *Brentford* in *Middleſex*, Eſq; ſole Proprietor of the Market there.——Yeſterday died, at his Lodgings in *Lombard-ſtreet*, Capt. *Newland*, late of *New-England* in *America*, reputed worth 50,000 l.

Bankrupts. Benjamin Webb and *Richard Ruſſell*, late of *Carnaby-Market* in the County of *Middleſex*, Vintners and Co-partners.

TUESDAY, *September* 3.

Yeſterday between Seven and Eight in the Morning the Princeſs *Amelia* ſet out from *Kenſington* for the *Bath*; her Royal Highneſs was eſcorted by three Parties of the Life-Guards to *Egham*, whence ſhe was conduct d by Detachments from Lord *Pembroke* and General *Evans's* Regiments of Horſe throughout the Journey.

By Letters which are arrived from the *Imperial* Army upon the *Rhine*, there is Advice that the Elector of *Bavaria's* Troops were in Motion, and that it was greatly apprehended they would join the *French* Army, already too ſtrong for Prince *Eugene* to attack them.

Vaſt Quantities of Corn come down the River *Thames* daily from the Weſt Country for Exportation.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Fire of *London* in the Year 1666, the ſame was obſerved as uſual, when the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, with the Aldermen and Sheriffs, went to St. *Paul's*, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Mr. *Moody*, his Lordſhip's Chaplain.

On Sunday Morning after Divine Service at the Church of St. *Martin's in the Fields*, a Sharper conceal'd himſelf in one of the Pews, and before Afternoon Service ſtript the Gold Taſſels, Lace, and Fringe, from the Communion-Table, Pulpit, and Deſk; after which he made his Eſcape through one of the Gallery Windows, in Sight of ſeveral People, who endeavour'd to apprehend him, but to no Purpoſe.

We hear that all the Regiments, both Horſe and Foot, on the *Engliſh* and *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment will be augmented, the Officers belonging to the reſpective Regiments having received Orders to raiſe Recruits for the ſame.

We hear that the *Indian* King, who with his Family will embark the latter End of this Month to return home, intends to take over with him ſeveral poor Artificers, and other Workmen to ſettle in *Tamaraco*.

Deaths. Laſt Night between Nine and Ten o'Clock the Hon. *John Montagu*, Eſq; of the Earl of *Sandwich's* Family, Member of Parliament for *Stockbridge* in *Hampſhire*, died ſuddenly at the *Bagnio* in St. *James's-ſtreet*; he came to Town that Day at Noon in perfect Health. ——Yeſterday died the Wife of *Thomas Edwin*, of *Dover-ſtreet*, Eſq;

WEDNESDAY, *September* 4.

We hear that *Lancelot Burton*, Eſq; left to Mr. *Burton*, his Nephew (a Clothier in *York* City) 30,000 l. And

That the late *John Evans*, Eſq; Under Secretary to the Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold, hath left to his Brother Mr. *Mark Evans* of *Sevenoaks* in *Kent*, and his Children, about 14,000 l. beſides many other Legacies.

Our Letters from the *North* ſpeak of great Rains that have fallen there for ſome Time paſt, inſomuch that the Waters are out in many Places, and the Roads almoſt as bad as in the Middle of Winter.

'Tis adviſed from *Leiceſter*, that on the 28th paſt one Mr. *Paloye*, a Gentleman of good Fortune in that County, was drowned about four Miles below that Town, where the Floods being great, he miſtook the common Road, and was immediately loſt; and his Daughter-in-Law, who was a ſmall Diſtance from him, was obliged to continue in the Water till Five next Morning, before any Help could come to her.

Laſt Friday the Aſſizes ended at *Cardiffe*, for the County of *Glamorgan*, when one *Thomas Harry* was capitally convicted of Felony and Burglary, in breaking and entering the Dwelling-Houſe of *Edward Gronow*, and ſtealing one Petticoat, two Gowns, two Shirts, and other Things; but before the Judges left the Town they repriev'd him in order for Tranſportation, in Regard to his tender Years, being about the Age of 16.

One *John Maddocks* was arraign'd for the Murder of his Father and Mother, but he appearing very wildly in Court, a Jury was impanell'd to enquire whether he was then, and before he committed the Fact, a Lunatick; and after a ſhort Deliberation, they brought in their Verdict *Lunacy*; ſo that he was not try'd for the Fact, but order'd to be kept in Cuſtody till the next Aſſizes.

On Monday laſt the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of the Drover that was murder'd on Saturday laſt near *Hampſtead*, by two Women, *viz. Yellow Nan*, and *Holl Pepper*, alias *Hampſtead Moll*, (who made it their conſtant Practice to ply in *Hornſey-Lane* and *Cane-Wood*) and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

Yellow Nan was committed to *Newgate* by Juſtice *Mitchel*, but *Hampſtead Moll* made her Eſcape.

Marriages. On Thurſday laſt —— *Sadler*, Eſq; of the *Exchequer*, was married to Miſs *Suſannah Dubart*, Grand-

Daughter of Sir *John Fleet*, Knt. Lord Mayor of *London* in 1693.—— On Tuesday last Counsellor *Hopkins* of *Lincoln's-Inn*, Nephew to Judge *Probyn*, was married to Miss *Howell*, only Daughter of —— *Howell*, Esq; Secretary to the Commissioners of Bankrupts, a young Lady of 6000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. Capt. *John Webb*, Deputy Governor of *Tilbury-Fort*, and who had the Command of an Independent Company of Invalids, died a few Days since.——A few Days since died, at his Seat in *Wales*, aged about 25, Sir *Thomas Bond*, Bart.——Last Week died at *Ware*, *Anthony Rodney Buckeridge*, Esq; a Gentleman of 400 l. *per Annum*.

THURSDAY, *September* 5.

The Inhabitants of *Stanes* in *Middlesex* are raising Subscriptions for a Peal of six Bells; the Tenor, which is to weigh 1800 lb. and comes to 108 l. is given them by the two Knights of the Shire, Sir *Francis Child* and *William Pulteney*, Esq;

Last Tuesday his Majesty made a Present of six fine Hunting Horses to her Royal Highness the Princess of *Orange*, and next Week they are to be put on board a Ship, in order to their being carried to *Holland*.

The same Day the Right Rev. Dr. *Benjamin Hoadley*, now Lord Bishop of *Winchester*, and Prelate of the most Noble Order of the Garter, waited on his Majesty at *Kensington*, and delivered up his Seals as Chancellor of that Order, which Office is annex'd to the See of *Salisbury*.

The last Advices which the Court receiv'd from the *Rhine* mention'd, that Prince *Eugene* continued quiet in his Camp near *Heidelberg*, and that the *French* were entrenching the main Body of their Army at *Rastadt*, but had several Bodies of Troops quarter'd in other Parts of the Country. We hear that the Neighbourhood of the *Imperial* Army has render'd Provisions so scarce in *Heidelberg*, that a Peck Loaf is sold for a Ducat, and fresh Meat near a Florin a Pound.

Bushy-Park near *Hampton-Court* in *Middlesex* is going to be wall'd all round, which is computed to be five Miles; and a Bricklayer has contracted to do it for 5000 l.

On the 24th past a dreadful Fire broke out at a Tallow-Chandler's Workshop in *Whitney*, *Oxfordshire*, about the Mid-time of the Day, the Flames whereof spread with such Fury, that in less than three Hours Time thirty Houses were entirely destroy'd; and what is yet more terrible, hardly any Effects were saved, and the Damage is computed at between 3 and 4000 l.

Tuesday's Letters from *Ireland* say, that the Lords Justices have issued a Proclamation, with the Reward of 100 l. for the Discovery of the Murderers of *Gallows Paul*; a Person has been already apprehended, and has confess'd that he assisted in tying him up to the Tree on which they hang'd him. These Letters add, that a Person having escaped from a Bailiff, was met by him the next Day, and in order to prevent the Hazard of a second Escape, the Officer thought proper to knock him o'th' Head, and he died directly on the Spot.

They have had violent Hurricanes of Wind in and about *Dublin*, but the most extraordinary Effect of them was upon the Hand of St. *Warbrough*'s Church Clock, which our Correspondent writes, was turn'd about for a Quarter of an Hour together, with the same Velocity as the Flyers of a Jack usually move.

The fine new Barge built by the Fishmonger's Company, for the Accommodation of Sir *Edward Bellamy* in his Mayoralty the ensuing Year, was launch'd Yesterday from the Yard of Mr. *Hall*, Barge-maker to his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*.

They write from *Edinburgh* of the 29th past, That some Days before a Boat belonging to *Peterhead*, sailing from *Leith* to that Place, was cast away three Miles from *Stonehive* in the *Mearns*: There were eleven Persons on board, seven Passengers and four Sailors, and all of them perished: One of the Passengers, named Mrs. *Campbel*, Gentlewoman to Mr. *Ferguson*'s Lady, was going with some Furniture belonging to the Family: Their Cries were heard ashore, but no Assistance could come Time enough to save any of them.

'Tis added, that two of the Gentlemen, *viz.* Messr. *Scot* and *Sutherland*, who were cast away the 7th past near *Inchkeith*, were found ashore on the Coast of *Fife*, and decently buried.

Last Sunday Morning *Thomas Stanford* of *Hammersmith*, Esq; coming from thence to *London* by Water, the Boat overset by a sudden Squawl of Wind over-against *Barn Elms*; by which Accident his Footman was drowned, but Mr. *Stanford* and another Gentleman, and the two Watermen, were saved by a Boat that happened to be at hand.

Marriage. On Tuesday the Daughter of *Joseph Windham Ash*, Esq; by one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *James Ash* of *Twickenham*, Bart. was married to the second Son of his Brother —— *Windham*, Esq;

FRIDAY, *September* 6.

We hear that the *Indian* King was so affrighted at the Sight of the Magick Lanthorn with the Spectres at Dr. *Desagulier's*, that he will hardly be prevail'd on to see any more Curiosities of that Sort.

'Tis written from *Bristol*, that several Pieces of Wrecks have floated on Shore, as well on the *Welch* as the *English* Coast, which made it believe that the late high Winds have occasioned considerable Damages to the homeward-bound Shipping.

Yesterday his Majesty's Ship the *Bredah*, a third Rate of 70 Guns, was launch'd at *Deptford Dock*, and named the *Prince of Orange*.

On Monday last at the Horse-Races at *Lincoln*, his Majesty's Plate of 100 Guineas was run for by six Years old Horses, and won by Mr. *Appleyard*'s Chesnut Gelding *Conqueror*, who won the 100 l. Plate at *York* Races.

Henry Gale, who was condemn'd at the late Assizes at *Maidstone*, for the Murder of a Person at *Lewisham*, was Yesterday executed there.

Letters from *Bombay*, of the 1st of *February* last, mention that Capt. *Stoneham*, of the *King George Galley*, in the Service of the *East-India* Company, had attacked *Angria*, the *Moorish* Pyrate, with several large Grabs and Galliots, with 2000 Men on board his Fleet. In the Engagement they killed *Angria*'s Chief Captain, wounded *Angria* in the Shoulder, and killed so many of his Men, that they were obliged to make the best of their Way for their Ports. In their Hurry they abandoned a *Portugueze* Prize, which they had just before taken, and it was there thought that *Angria* could hardly put to Sea any more for that Season.

Yesterday at *Guildhall*, Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Royle*, Stationers, swore off; Mr. *Seth Gibson*, and Mr. *Percival Lewis* paid their Fines; and Mr. Alderman *Perry*, and Mr. *Powell* (the last Gentleman upon the List) were chosen Sheriffs.

On Monday last Mr. *Poole*, was elected Mayor of *New Windsor* for the Year ensuing; Mr. *Clarke*, an eminent Ironmonger, who was eligible to serve that Office, and who would have been chosen, having the Misfortune to be kill'd, by being thrown out of a Chaise the Friday before.

On Monday last a new Commission past'd the Great Seal for taking a Survey of the Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of the Court of *Chancery*, and enquiring into their Fees, *&c.* in which was inserted the Name of *John Brown* of *Dorchester*, in the room of *John How*, deceased: The Names in the said Commission are as follow: Sir *John Gonson*, Sir *Robert Baylis*, Sir *Francis Child*, Sir *William Billers*, *William Peer Williams*, Esq; *William Melmoth*, Esq; *Edward Barker*, Esq; *Micajah Perry*, Esq; *John Brown*, Esq; *John Milner*, Esq; *Marmad. Allington*, Esq; *Thomas Lane*, Esq;

FOREIGN NEWS.

Turin, August 25.

THE War in *Italy*, and the chargeable Circumstances attending it, oblige the King to have Recourse to the Duty and Affection, I should rather say, the Purses of his Subjects, to support the heavy Expence he is engaged in: To this Purpose his Majesty had laid a Tax on the Lands of all Persons whatever, including even the Clergy; and in order that the same may be levy'd with Exactness, Surveyors have been appointed to measure every Acre, and to examine how much it will produce, that a Judgment may be form'd of the Proportion each Estate distinctly can afford to pay. The Bishops made at first some Hesitation to expose their Lands to Lay-Examination, but were oblig'd to submit, as likewise the Abbies, Convents, and all other religious Communities; but his Majesty has been pleas'd to declare, that these Subsidies shall be requir'd no longer than the War continues. The present difficult Conjectures have drawn hither from *France* several of that Kind of Men who are call'd Projectors, and these miss not a Day to lay before the King some new Scheme for raising Money. Of the Number they have presented, his Majesty has approv'd two; the first of which is, to lett out his Revenues to farm, to a *French* Company incorporated for that Purpose, and the latter is to set up a Lottery for Annuities: This Lottery is already fill'd, and Men applaud the Goodness of the King for taking such Measures to supply the publick Necessities as are not only voluntary Contributions, but promote at the same Time the Diversion of the People. The Reputation that Prince has gain'd by his prudent Conduct of the Army, is confess'd on all Sides; the General Officers admire his Skill, the private Soldiers adore his Condescension and Care of them; his Majesty is not only the General but the Engineer of his Army: he has likewise the Sick under his Care; and whilst by the Force of his Reproof he suppresses Immorality in his Troops, by the Attraction of his Example he leads them on to Virtue.

Paris, August 30. Some Letters from *Naples* insinuate as if the *Spaniards* had resolv'd to make their Descent on *Sicily* at *Monte-Forte*, a Place about two Leagues distant from *Messina*.

Hambourg, August 31. The Duke of *Holstein-Gottorp* keeps still at *Tremshattel*, where his Royal Highness takes the Diversion of the Season. Some Advices from *Konigsberg* will have it, that King *Stanislaus*, who has not appear'd for some Time publick, is actually gone with General *Steinflicht* to put himself at the Head of the Army of Count *Tarlo*, Palatine of *Lublin*, which they say is increas'd to 30,000 Men, with Design to go upon some Expedition of Moment: But since the Retreat of King *Stanislaus* from *Dantzick* we have had so many different Accounts with Regard to him, which have destroy'd each other, that we cannot give Credit to any succeeding ones, without they come back'd by good Authority.

Extract of a private Letter from the French *Camp near* Rastadt

Several thousand Peasants are actually employ'd in renewing the old Lines of *Winsheim*, which extend towards the Black Forest. Our Troops are some what fatigu'd with our late heavy Marches, but the Advantage we have gain'd by them to pursue our Purposes at Leisure, makes more than Amends for our Trouble. Our General, the Marshal *d'Asfeldt*, who lies in the Neighbourhood of *Strasbourg*, has gain'd such Esteem thereby, that in a Word he is become the Idol of the Soldiery. Some *Imperial Hussars* flew about us during our March hither, but to do them Justice, they shew'd themselves well disciplin'd; for as they knew when to appear, they knew also when to retreat again. We have a mighty Discourse amongst us about an approaching Congress at the *Hague*, and this we are told will prove the kind Mother of a general Peace: I shall not play the Politician; but the Sword is drawn, and must be put up with Honour. Whether we shall attempt any Thing of further Moment this Campaign is very uncertain, the rather because 'tis given out we are to stay here six Weeks at least.

A Copy of a private Letter from Paris, *August* 30.

SIR,

You have made a large Demand upon me: Whether Peace or War, is a Question too early to be decided. Indeed the Hurry of Foreign Ministers denotes in a great Measure the main Business of *Europe* to center here: This has diffus'd such an Itch of Politicks throughout the City, that go where you will, you hear of nothing but Conjectures, Speculations, and Conclusions, as certain as the Premises from whence they are drawn. Should I enlarge upon these, I might amuse you, but must leave you at last where you were: For Instance; the Prince of *Nassau Siegen* arrived lately here: What a World of Speculation arose upon it! First, he was disgusted with the *Imperial* Service; next, he was commission'd about Affairs of the greatest Importance; and last, it appears he comes for Advice about an Obstruction in his Liver. Our Speculatists are not content with this; for though the Doctors attend him; no Matter, his Body is the Body of the Empire, and the Obstruction no less than the present Disunion among the *German* Princes; and, in short, *France* alone must work a Cure. A Minister cannot come from a Conference, but his Looks are examin'd: For Example; the *S——dish* Minister looks down in the Mouth; no Wonder; the King his Master has not acted up to the Purity of the most Christian King's Intentions. Another Foreign Minister has the Eye, the Ear, and Attention of the Court; and yet by some Appearance or another, People imagine the Instances of his Court would be much better by the Mouth of a Cannon. But I am sensible I tire you, and shall only add, that in my Opinion, the Affairs of *Europe* are like the *Gordian* Knot, to be sever'd by an *Alexander*. I am, *&c.*

Hague, Sept. 7. Letters from *Paris* of the 4th Instant relate, that *Don Carlos* being, by the taking Entry of *Gaeta* and *Capua*, become possessed of the whole Kingdom of *Naples*, had given Orders for necessary Preparations to be made for a Descent upon *Sicily*, having resolv'd to take upon himself the Command of the Troops designed for that Expedition. Yesterday his Excellency *Horatio Walpole*, Esq; deliver'd his Letters of Credence as Embassador Extraordinary from his *Britannick* Majesty to this State, and Mr. *Finch* is preparing to embark next Week for *England*, having receiv'd the usual Presents.

Dantzick, August 27. The Primate continues still in Confinement at *Elbing*, and is as obstinate as ever not to acknowledge *Augustus* for King of *Poland*. No Method has been omitted that could possibly win him over; but the Force of Rhetorick, the Allurements of fine Promises, and the Terror of Threats, have been hitherto practised with a like ill

Succeſs. The laſt Declaration they got from him was in Writing, and ran to this Effect: 'That he had ſworn 'Fidelity to King *Staniſlaus*, and would not break his 'Oath: That he had a great Eſteem for the Perſon of 'King *Auguſtus*, and own'd that he had poſſeſs'd ſeveral 'Qualities worthy a Throne: That in Caſe, with theſe 'Sentiments about him, he ſhould be ſtill deem'd crimi-'nal, he was reſolv'd to ſit down reſign'd, and patiently 'ſuffer ſuch Severities as his Enemies ſhould think proper 'to inflict.' The Report goes, that the Duke of *Mecklembourg* is gone to *Peterſburg*, upon an Invitation from her *Czarian* Majeſty, to aſſiſt at the Nuptials of the Princeſs his Daughter with the Prince of *Beveren*.

Hague, Sept. 3. The News we have received here, that the *Engliſh* Fleet, conſiſting of 33 Men of War and three Fireſhips, under the Command of Admiral *Norris*, was preparing to ſail, occaſion'd a plentiful Variety of Speculations and Conjectures. Some Politicians will have it, that it is only a falſe Alarm; and that the *Engliſh* Fleet will not quit the *Engliſh* Coaſts: Others are no leſs poſitive, that that Fleet is ordered to the *Streights*, and even to paſs the ſame, and lie in Obſervation at *Port-Mahon*, to ſee what the *Spaniards* would be at after all, with their Fleet join'd by the Squadron of *France*, which did not put in at *Cadiz* for nothing; eſpecially conſidering that the *Spaniards* have juſt finiſh'd their famous Works before *Gibraltar*, and planted them with a numerous Artillery, ſeeking to pick a Quarrel with the *Britiſh* Nation, by inſulting their Merchant-Ships in Regions nearer to *Europe* than *America*, which a generous Nation, like that of *Great Britain*, could not ſuffer, if the Fact were proved; otherwiſe, what would become of the *Dominium Maris*, which has coſt that Nation ſo dear, and which ſhe ſo juſtly deſerves? The new King of *Naples* appears to be deep enough tinctur'd with the Ideas of the Court of *Spain*, not to pay too great a Reſpect to the *Britiſh* Court or Nation, conſidering the Manner in which he behaves to the young Chevalier *de St. George*, whom he treats like Prince of *Wales* in his Camp, and exalts his Valour almoſt above that of the Duke *de Bitonto*, who won him the Crown.

But of all the Wars that ever was made, none was carried on ſo agreeably, as that in *Italy* has been ever ſince the Battle of *Parma*: It looks as if both Parties had a Mind to repair the Brutality of that Action by dint of Politeneſs: The Officers of both Armies familiarly viſit each other from *Quiſtello* to *Quingentolo*, and *vice verſa*. The King of *Sardinia*, Royal General, a Thing pretty rare at this Time of Day, gives Balls, Opera's, Comedies, and what not? every Day in his Quarters at *San Benedetto*; and ſometimes the *German* Generals aſſiſt thereat; but that which crowns all this Politeneſs, is, that Barques are ſuffered to paſs freely up and down the *Po*, with Proviſions, Arms, Ammunition, Sick, *&c.* for both Armies, without the leaſt Diſturbance or Moleſtation on one Side or the other. This, I muſt confeſs, is much more genteel, than upon the *Rhine*, where the *Imperial Huſſars* could not bear the *French* Generals to have Sets of Plate in the Field, but carried them almoſt all off.

The Armies upon the *Rhine* march and countermarch, without undertaking any Thing. Mr. *Walpole*'s and their High-Mightineſſes Couriers are ſet out for their reſpective Courts with Propoſals, and Men will think it long ere they return; but unleſs *Staniſlaus* be King of *Poland*, is there any Thing to be done? Will victorious *France* abandon him? No. The victorious *Ruſſians*, will they ſuffer him upon the Throne? No. *Ergo*, The *Major* being deny'd, what becomes of the *Minor*?

Our laſt Letters from *Venice* tell us a pleaſant Story of the *Turkiſh* Governor of *Corinth*. He was grievouſly tormented with the Gout it ſeems, inſomuch that his Life was a Burden to him. A *Greek* Prieſt tells him, he could warrant his ſpeedy Cure provided he were a *Chriſtian*: The Muſſulman thereupon reſolves to become a *Nazarene*; the Prieſt makes the Sign of the Croſs, and performs ſome other Operation upon the Patient, and the Gout left him at once. The *Turk* being a Man of his Word, immediately retired to *Venice*, and was baptiz'd: But they laugh at him there for leaving all his Riches behind him: Now I ſay he has done right; if he had continued in Opulence, the Gout would have return'd; he muſt work for his Living, and the Gout, every Body knows, paſſes by the poor Man's Door. Thus the Miracle may be preſerv'd by the Governor's Poverty. Now the Queſtion is, Whether the Mufti could cure the Gout with the ſame Eaſe, by ſhaking the *Alcoran* over a *Chriſtian*'s Head that promiſed to turn *Turk*? In fine, is not a *Turk*'s Complaint of the Gout a Proof that it is occaſion'd by ſomething elſe beſide Wine?

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